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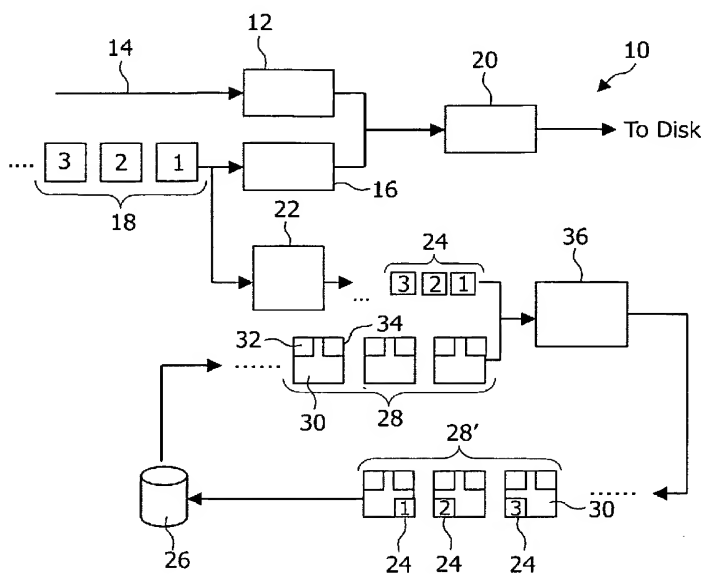
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides for a method of indexing video data (18) by the creation of a plurality of scaled-down reference pictures (24) and including the steps of creating an index file (26) comprising a plurality of compression-encoded reference frames (28), and adding the plurality of reference pictures (24) created during the recording of the video data to a respective plurality of the said compression - encoded reference frames (28), the compression-encoded reference frames (28) being capable containing a plurality of reference pictures (24) each created from a plurality of different video recordings.

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